

Application of TAKEO -- Serial No. 10/059,159 -- Atty. Dkt. 008312/0290677

8.-9. (Canceled)

REMARKS

Reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the forgoing amendments and the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

Claims 3 and 7 pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claim 3 is amended.

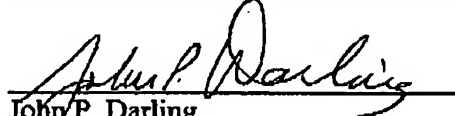
Applicant appreciates the indication that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and that claim 7 is allowed. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form and claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9 have been canceled.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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